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I'd like



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morning, how are you.



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Good. I'm here.



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How's everyone today,



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funny and myself. Good.



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Patrick has not joined us yet.



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All right.



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Before we begin, if you don't mind, for those of you who might don't know Good morning, my name is Luke Molina and I'll be hosting this town meeting for the water pollution control authority today. It will be recorded and transcribed for the public record, I would be very appreciative if everyone could state their name, each time before they speak for that transcription service, please. And for our visitors if you have any questions feel free to send me a chat for technical help. I'm over to make public comments you are welcome to use the chat feature or raise your virtual hand as well. Thank you.



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Thank you. worse. Yeah,



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good weekend for everyone.



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Yeah, it was great. Good. No,



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it's 901. Yeah.



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Well no, I should I should text Patrick he was gonna join us he's probably



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just waiting a couple minutes for Patrick because I thought he was gonna join us. Okay.



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Mr chase Are you done with your first cut of hey



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you know one more window of three days of rainless weather and I'll be done with first. Good. Yeah, so it's been a great year. I just, I just didn't because there wasn't much left I didn't take a lot of risk with the weather I don't want to hate the loser field. Yeah, it's easy to do. The rains on the last day before you're bailing it's garbage.



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Yes, I do. Thank you.



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It's been a great growing season but gardens and agricultural fields and everything was getting working.



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Oh yeah. It's really good.



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Lady in Plainville she had a quasi Casa would need any hair



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everywhere she.



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I gave her some straw bales tomorrow you can have three



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today customer.



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Three I haven't heard from Patrick. Can you hear us okay we've got the air conditioning running here,



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loud and clear.



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And we have



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worse word, we've started recording correct.



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we have. Okay.



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minutes.



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I'd like to open our virtual and in person meeting this morning.



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Tuesday June 22 at 9am. This is Marina from first selectman I'm here with Bonnie Ryan and selectmen Chase.



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So I'd like to open our public hearing, we have a



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review of the proposed fiscal year 2021 WPC a budget. And I think everybody has seen a copy of that



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we can quickly go over this.



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Yeah. We're in a public hearing right now on the budget.



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So this is going to be an unusual cycle again for the WPC a because of the COVID-19 and the fact that we are not operating with any real numbers. Right now, because the conference goal in the record school have not been in full session and loose and company is not presently hooked up to the system. So, the numbers that we have, again, is another shot in the dark. Using the best estimates that we have and we had a long conversation with Brian Lynch and Mike Dotto from the Platinum WP ca to kind of rely on their experience, both in platinum and with other areas that they worked in and Montel I think Eric, Brian was and with their experience with Woodstock, and the numbers that we know so we pulled together this budget for next year, with the understanding that we still won't know actual real numbers until the whole system is up and operating as



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intended and plan. So the



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total expense that we have proposed is \$422,929. And with our best estimates for the all of the items in the budget except me. We do have some given numbers on the, on note and retirement issues. I'd like to open it up for any discussion and questions at this time.



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Maureen says Tanya remit. Yes. When did you send out that budget because I only have the 1921.



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That's all sorry it's on the website. Okay.



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I think it was posted with the



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posted what the notice of the meeting. Okay, not living in conference sometimes I don't get those



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ads posted on the website.



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Thank you. Okay.



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Ellsworth did you have something.



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Yes. I just wanted to comment and reinforce that I recall in the beginning of the start of this was pretty well recognized by everyone but the budget numbers would be I'm gonna call them fuzzy numbers, without having any real data things kind of extrapolated from other budgets so this was a similar operation. So we'll see some variation some dynamics. And that's the understood.



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Any other discussion or comments on this proposed budget for next year beginning July 1 2020. Maureen, it's Brenda. Quick question, um, are we going to address some of the language in the contract. Hold on. And the contract to talk about. When the numbers become more final, like I know that. And I understand the situation I agree the numbers are going to be fuzzy no matter what. Yes, we did talk about, we did talk about doing an evaluation at the end of the first year. I don't know when that I don't know when we're all going to feel comfortable that we have numbers to to rely on to evaluate for actual usage of the system, but yes I'm open to having that discussion.



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Even if we make some sort of amendment to say that we don't know when we'll be in full uses usage to be able to determine those numbers or. I'm not even sure what the right answer as but throwing that out there to the group.



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We can discuss that at a WPC a meeting that it's not on the agenda for the public hearing unfortunately but I think that's something we should address in a future meeting. I don't know, Is there someone from loose that could address. If there's any estimate of when loose will be up and running on the system.



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This is Curtis but I noticed Russ is microphones seems to be off Are you muted Russ, you should answer this but there you go.



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I do not have a definite answer from anything yet. I know it's in the hands of both family attorney in the company's attorneys to determine which way they're going. We're hoping to get a resolution soon, but I do not have anything concrete yet the attorneys haven't that's as far as I know at this point.



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So I guess at this point, I'm



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the other participants I don't think are aware of this situation with the that, that there are attorneys involved in this. Would you like to bring them up to date on that.



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Sure. When one company was sold. There was some. I guess the original, I was, I don't know the original goshi ation took place prior Richard actually handled most of the negotiations. So when it came time for us to say okay loose now has to run the collection lines to the pump station that no other owner said timeout. That was not told to us at the time of closing. They said they were, they were told that all the lines, everything was part of the original contract. So, their determination was the loose family started this and they wanted the loose family to pay the loose families said, No, it was part of the initial contract in the sale. So it's in litigation right now, both sides are determining who's actually going to pay at the. Obviously we paid for a whole pumping station and all this and we're not using it now so it's right now with the attorneys have but we don't have a lot of say in it until it's either going to court or someone's going to say yes, we're going to split the bill or we're going to split the bill and we're going to do something, but I really don't have a concrete answer yet. I've seen communications with the attorneys, back and forth. But that's as far as I've seen. I'm not in communication with the attorneys they're doing this mostly on their own. And it's between the family and the ownership of our company now so we're hoping to get it resolved quickly, but I can't say for sure when that what what quickly is. Okay. I don't know if you have any more updates, but I don't. I

believe that's as, that's where we're at, at this point.



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The only thing I would say is that the contractors who have been on it. Obviously the windows have passed, but when they have been on, they have estimated four to six week completion. Once the ball gets rolling so it's not a, it's not a year long project all the design work is done. It's just a matter of laying some lines but four to six weeks is the current estimate from the contractors who had a bid on the project. All that upfront work and everything is ready to go. Just a matter of pulling the trigger with which one as soon as the legal stuff is



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ironed out as Russ said,



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Okay, great. This is Maureen thank you for filling us in on that. Is there any more comments discussions or questions on the budget before we



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adjourn from the public hearing. Maureen it's Brenda, um, so will we expect to package quarterly similar to what you sent out this spring on using these numbers, is that what the plan is for. Yes. Yeah.



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There's, there's obviously going to be some lag time between



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when we get the numbers.



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And when we're charging you and we're probably charging you charging you an advance before we actually, because we need to have the money on hand to pay platinum. And then everything will be adjusted. Yeah, in the last quarter similar to what we just saw. Correct, yeah. Yeah. And then my other question is is the construction project closed out. No. Okay. Now the construction projects is sort of running parallel with the tap grant project because there's some overlap in the contract obligations from the construction project to do the design work for some of the elements in the tap grant project. So, that will probably those two projects will probably run parallel and close out at the same time, or close to it. And that should be either at the end of 2020 or early 2021, is that, well, we have a separate construction meeting about that. Outside of the WPC a public, I would think we would have to Yeah, there probably will be a couple more meetings on that project because there's still some closeout paperwork and some change orders coming in for some requests that were made by profit school referee school. Yeah. And the reason I asked is Pomfret school has not seen any work on those requests. So that's why I asked what this standing was but it doesn't have anything to do with this meeting. So, right.



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We can round back on all of that so outside of this. Okay.



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All right. Um, I think we're all set unless there's any anyone else that would like to weigh in on this at this time.



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Can I have a motion to adjourn.



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I'll second that. All in favor. Aye. Aye.



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All right, we're gonna just roll right into our regularly scheduled WPC a meeting. And we'll start that at 916. Yeah. Okay, so we've opened our regular meeting our first current order of businesses approval of the minutes for the public hearing and regular meeting up June

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meeting on Monday.



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our second. Any discussion all in favor. Aye.



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Again we have on our agenda review and possible approval of the 2021 WPC a budget.



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Any more discussion on that any more questions on that.



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I'll make a motion that we approve the budget as presented. \$422,029 for the fiscal year 2021.



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I will second.



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Any discussion



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all in favor. Aye. Motion carries.



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No dissension



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Brenda, Brenda This is Tonya just so you're aware. I can only hear you. So when the selectmen talks I cannot hear him.



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Can you



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like can you rectify that situation for Tanya. I muted but there was not anything going on here. Can you hear us now.



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Tanya just muted herself let's. I apologize for the inconvenience here. Tanya. Let's see I just asked you to unmute.



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Okay, so she should be



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unmuted. Can you hear us now Tanya. Yeah, I can always hear you Maureen I couldn't hear the, the other selectmen. Oh, okay.



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Yeah, he's got a deep voice me that's fine. Probably further from the microphone. Yeah, so I think that's what it is. He made the. Did you make the motion I think he made the motion to approve the budget as presented or I did or he seconded. That was, I got the general idea I just wanted to let you know.



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Sorry about that.



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Yeah, we'll have to have megaphones next time or microphone might help. And we've got the air conditioner running here which doesn't help. Okay, we're all set we've, we've done the business for this meeting I think we just need a motion to adjourn.



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Motion to adjourn the meeting,



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seconded. All in favor. Aye. Thank you very much for joining us this morning, we'll schedule another WPC a meeting probably in a couple months, and try to bring everybody up to date then. And in the meantime, stay safe, stay home or stay wherever you are. Thank you very much for getting up and joining us this morning I appreciate it. Thank you, Marie.



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Thank you, Marie. Hi.



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I know



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thing looks like it.



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No anytime. Looks like we are all set here I hope you all have a great day and I, yeah, I'll be hosting library board tonight.



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All right.



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You're gonna know more about this town than anybody in about two weeks.



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Yeah, yeah yes yeah there is a book in your future I think



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it's a comedy toy.



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Perfect. Perfect.



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Sign copies for everyone.



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Okay.



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Have a great day.